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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 (line 23, page 10 through line 10, page 11), with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this Carey-Lea process, an aqueous silver nitrate solution is mixed in a mixed solution of an aqueous iron(II) sulfate solution and an aqueous sodium citrate solution to allow them to react, the resultant agglomerate of fine silver particles are filtered and washed, and thereafter pure water is added to the resultant cake of the agglomerate of fine silver particles, whereby a fine silver particle colloidal dispersion can be obtained. The fine silver particle colloidal dispersion obtained by this [[Carey-Lee]] Carey-Lea process has a fine silver particle concentration of from 0.1 to 10% by weight. If it has a concentration of more than 10% by weight, it tends to agglomerate.